

House Resolution No. 4372

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens; and

Whereas, the members now pause to recognize the Reverend Dr. Wallace S. Hartsfield, Sr., pastor of Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church in Kansas City, who has announced his plans to retire at the end of this year; and

Whereas, a banquet to celebrate his life and work is planned for Friday, November 2, 2007, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel at Crown Center, in Kansas City; and

Whereas, the Reverend Dr. Hartsfield is known throughout the country as one of the greatest pastors of all time and also as one of the pioneers of the civil rights struggle; and

Whereas, the Reverend Dr. Hartsfield is a graduate of Clark College (now Clark Atlanta University) and Gammon Theological Seminary (now Interdenominational Theological Center), both in Atlanta, Georgia; and

Whereas, a recipient of countless honorary degrees from innumerable colleges and universities, the Reverend Dr. Hartsfield held pastorates in Kansas, Florida, South Carolina, and Georgia before coming to Metropolitan; and

Whereas, for more than forty years, the Reverend Dr. Hartsfield has served Metropolitan and has been involved in many social, political and religious efforts in the Kansas City area, and he has been an advisor to many pastors, mayors, and other prominent figures; and

Whereas, the Reverend Dr. Hartsfield has served at every level in the National Baptist Convention of American, Inc., and he served as moderator of the Sunshine Baptist District Association; president of the General Baptist Convention of Missouri, Kansas, and Nebraska; board member of the Foreign Mission Board; secretary/treasurer of the Benevolent Board and Insurance Commission; second vice-president under Dr. E. Edward Jones and is currently vice-president at-large under Dr. Stephen Thurston of NBCA, Inc.; and

Whereas, the Reverend Dr. Hartsfield has served on numerous board of directors for civil organization in the Greater Kansas City area and was appointed by the governor to serve on the Missouri Highway Commission:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our sincerest congratulations to the Reverend Dr. Hartsfield on the auspicious occasion of his retirement; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Reverend Dr. Wallace S. Hartsfield, Sr.

Offered by _____
 Representative Shalonn “Kiki” Curls, # 41

 Representative Craig Bland, # 43

 Representative Leonard (Jonas) Hughes, IV, # 42

 Representative Mike Talboy, #37

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4372, adopted August 1, 2007.

 Rod Jetton, Speaker